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Mr. President,

Thank you for your tremendous leadership in rolling back and preventing costly and unnecessary federal regulations since taking office. Without your critical work, many of the rules issued toward the end of the Obama Administration would have taken effect and would have had devastating effects on the economy and the American workforce.

I write to you today to urge you to renew Executive Order 13771 (EO), which aimed to reduce the amount of regulations issued by federal agencies and control the cost of any new rules. Many of the critical provisions under the EO expired at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 and no longer apply to the federal rulemaking process. These provisions include the requirement that agencies eliminate two regulations for every new regulation and the requirement that the cost of any new regulation be fully offset. Renewing this EO to make these provisions applicable to Fiscal Year 2018 and beyond would help our economy continue to grow and would prevent unnecessary regulation in the future.

In January, I authored and the House passed an amendment that is similar in nature to the EO, which requires any new rule to be fully offset by the repeal of an existing rule. I am introducing legislation that would codify and make permanent the EO. While I remain hopeful that this type of legislation will be passed through Congress, I urge you to take action to prevent any unnecessary regulations by renewing this EO.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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